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California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

LEAD AGENCY: Bay Area Air Quality Management District
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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND PROPOSAL TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21092 AND 21092.3 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15072

Project Title: Amendments to: Regulation 8, Rule 5: Storage of Organic Liquids.

Project Location: The rules and proposed amendments apply within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District ("District"), which includes all of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the southern portions of Solano and Sonoma counties.

Project Description: The District has regulatory authority over stationary sources of air pollution in the San Francisco Bay Area. Regulation 8, Rule 5 regulates large organic liquid storage tanks in order to reduce smog forming emissions to the atmosphere. The rule primarily affects petroleum refineries, chemical plants and bulk gasoline distribution facilities. The proposed amendments will implement control measure SS-9 from the Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy. The proposed amendments to Rule 5:

- Clarify an exemption in the rule for storage tanks subject to District Regulation 8, Rule 7: Gasoline Dispensing Facilities;
- Create a new, voluntary self-inspection and maintenance program;
- Add structural integrity requirements for tank shells and emission limitations on tank pontoons;
- Add limits on the organic content of cleaning agents used on tank interiors and impose containment standards for sludge removed from tanks, and;
- Replace an annual source test requirement with an emission monitoring requirement during tank degassing.

In addition, the proposed amendments clarify language throughout the rule.

Negative Declaration: A copy of the Negative Declaration will be available for review on the District's website at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm or at the District office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

Written comments on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to Julian Elliot, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109 or to jelliot@baaqmd.gov. The review period for the Negative Declaration is from September 18, 2006 until Tuesday, October 10, 2006. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

Public Hearing: On Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at 9:45 a.m., the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to Regulation 8, Rule 5: Storage of Organic Liquids and to consider adoption of the Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco.